

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Garrell (Jarrell) W7874                      Nancy Garrell (Jarrell) VA  
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To the Legislature of Virginia

The petition of John Gerald respectfully represents to your honourable body that he enlisted in the first Virginia State Regiment in the year 1777 commanded by Colo. George Gibson [BLWt1985-500]; that he continued in the service during the term of his enlistment which was three years, that he was in most of the Celebrated and sanguinary Battles fought during that period. that he is now old infirm and poor being in his seventy seventh year. Nothing but absolute want produced by age, decrepitude and infirmity would induce your petitioner to throw himself upon the gratitude and liberality of his Country; That Country which he so long and so faithfully served in her most gloomy and trying hour in the achieving her independence. The liberality of the last Legislature placed John Lampkin [John Lamkin (Lampkin, Lambkin), pension application W8018] on the pension list, who was a fellow soldier and in the same Regiment with your petitioner, and whose want and necessities are not greater than your petitioner. A few years more and the soldiers of the Revolution will be no more; your petitioner relies with confidence upon the liberality and gratitude of his Country and prays that he may be placed upon the pension list and that he may be allowed a small sum for his present relief. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

John Gerald

I do hereby certify that I was raised in the neighbourhood that Capt Angus Rucker was near his fathers then Culpepper now Madison County & was well acquainted with him and after the war began I very seldom see him about his fathers & believe him to be doing duty in the army he was commissary to the marines in the year 1776 and I do farther certify that in the first of 1777 I enlisted under Capt Angus Rucker as a soldier in the first virginia State Regiment commanded by Colo George Gibson for three years and as soon as the Regt was compleat that we marched to the north and joined the main army where I served my three years out and was discharged, it is within my certain knowledged Capt. Rucker was an officer in said Reg't all the time that I was a soldier when I was discharged I left Capt Rucker I do farther certify that he was arranged as a su supernumary Capt and held himself in readiness to take command at any time called upon in said rejiment untill the end of the war

Given under my hand this 16 day of July eighteen hundred & twenty five                      John Garrell

I do hereby certify that in the first of the year 1777 that I enlisted John Gearrell as a soldier in the first virginia State Regt Commanded by Colo George Gibson for the term of three years then a resident of Culpepper now Madison County and that as soon as the Regt was compleat we marched to the North & joined the main army commanded by General Washington and there the said Gearrell served his time out in the continental army and was a true & faithful soldier & at the expiration of three years he was discharged as a good soldier

Given under my hand this 12 day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty five

Angus Rucker formally Cap in Colo Gibsons Regt

[16 July 1825]

[On 31 day of October 1825 Churchill Gibbs [S46002] made a statement in virtually the same words as Rucker's.]

Dec'r 7<sup>th</sup> 1826 ref'd to Claims

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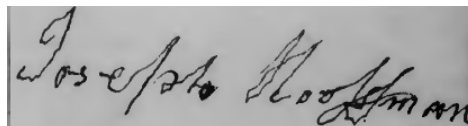
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[The legislative petition file contains the following two statements, as well as others, supporting the application of Angus Rucker. Transcriptions of the others are found at <http://revwarapps.org/s19068.pdf>.]

This is to certify that in the month of March 1777 I was enlisted a soldier to serve in the war of the American Revolution. I was enlisted in a part of the State, then called Culpeper but now forming a part of the county Madison, and was enlisted by Capt. Angus Rucker [pension application S19068] now a resident of Madison. I served three years in the first Virginia State Regiment, which Regiment was commanded by Col. George Gibson

It is within my certain knowledge that Capt. Angus Rucker was an officer in said regiment during all the time that I was a soldier in the same, & when at the expiration of three years from the time of my enlistment, I was discharged, I left Capt. Rucker in the army acting the part of Capt. in the said Regiment. Joseph Hooffman [Joseph Huffman W7826]

[26 May 1825]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Huffman".

I do hereby certify that I became acquainted with Capt Angus Rucker in July 1778 on the Banks of the North River. That he was then serving in the first Virginia State Reg't. commanded by Col. George Gibson and served through that Campaign – as I was one, among others, who volunteered their services to go to the South in the Spring of 1779 I know nothing further of his Services

Given under my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1825.

[Robert Beale BLWt263-300]

Capt. 5<sup>th</sup> Va. C. Reg't.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Beale".

[The following are from the federal pension file.]

State of Virginia, Madison Count to Wit.

On this 26th day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty, personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record according to the laws of Virginia, John Garrell resident in said County aged eighty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of the acts of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818 an “Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War.” That he the said John Garrell was enlisted by Lieutenant Angus Rucker for continental service and was attached to Capt. John Nicholas’ [S46397] company in the Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson in the year 1777 and that he continued in Col. Gibson’s company [sic] for three years and was duly discharged; that he then joined Capt. Edmund Terrill’s company and was marched to Hillsborough [NC] and to South Carolina, he then returned and joined the Army at York Town, and attended the taking the prisoners from York Town, after Cornwallis’ defeat [19 Oct 1781] to the Town of Winchester in Va. As further evidence the certificate of Zachariah Taylor [W6237] marked (A), the certificate of Thomas Graves [S16839?] marked (B), the certificates of Churchill Gibbs and Joseph Huffman marked (C), and certificate of Angus Rucker marked (D) is further offered to prove the services of said John Garrell (or Jarrell) and that he hereby relinquishes his claims to all pensions heretofore allowed him, by the laws of the United States.

In pursuance of the act, of the 11th of May 1820 [sic: 1 May 1820], an act in addition to an act entitled, “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed the 18th day of March 1818 I John Garrell do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain

persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Schedule. No property.

John Garrell

Certificate (A) This is to certify that I Zachariah Taylor of the County of Orange, was in the Revolutionary war, and in service as a soldier at and during the siege of York, and that I saw John Jarrell\* of the County of Madison soon after leaving there, acting in the capacity of a soldier conducting the prisoners from York to Winchester.

Given under my hand this 26th day of May 1830. Zachariah Taylor  
(\*or Garrell)

Certificate (B) This is to certify that I Thomas Graves of the County of Madison was in the Revolutionary war and in service as a soldier at and during the siege of York, and soon after leaving York I saw John Jarrell of the County of Madison acting in the capacity of a soldier, and he aided in conducting the prisoners from York to Winchester. Given under my hand this 26th May 1830

Thomas Graves

Certificate (C). The affidavit of Churchill Gibbs and Joseph Huffman of the County of Madison and State of Virginia taken on the 26th day of May 1830 before William Walker a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in relation to the military services of John Jarrell in the aforesaid County of Madison in the State of Virginia during the Revolutionary War. These affiants being sworn say, we marched to the North in 1777, joined Washington’s Army the 2nd day after the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], the aforesaid John Jarrell being in service with us and continued with us; we returned to Virginia leaving Pennsylvania in the fall of 1779, and arrived in Virginia in the early part of ‘80. That the aforesaid John Jarrell was a good soldier and performed as we believe faithfully – and that the aforesaid services was in Gibson’s Regiment; and we further state that he enlisted for three years and did as we believe serve his full time of service.

Churchill Gibbs Joseph Huffman

Certificate (D). I Angus Rucker of the County of Madison in the State of Virginia, and formerly a Captain in the Regiment commanded by Colo. George Gibson, do hereby certify that in the early part of the year 1777, I enlisted John Jarrell then of the County of Culpeper, and now of the County of Madison as a soldier, and I take pleasure in certifying that the said John Jarrell served the time for which he enlisted, which was for three years; Gibson’s Regiment serving this time was in the service of the United States and under the immediate command of Gen’l. Washington.

Given under my hand the 26th August 1830. Angus Rucker

State of Virginia, County of Madison S.S.

On this 23rd day of September in the year of Christ 1830, personally appeared in open Court, the same being the regular session of Madison County court and that a Court of record. John Jarrell resident in said County aged eighty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of March 18th 1818 and first of May 1820, that he the said John Jarrell was enlisted by Lieut. Angus Rucker for service in the company commanded by Capt. John Nicholas in the Regiment commanded by Colo. George Gibson, in the year 1777 which regiment as he is informed and believes was transferred to Continental service by the act of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia [see endnote], and that he continued in said service and Regiment for three years, and was duly discharged; that he was afterwards in other service until the siege of York. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia in service and on no State roll for a pension; and that the following are his reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension: that he has frequently spoken to others to make application for a pension, that it is only recently that Gibson’s Regiment has been recognised to have been on Continental establishment, and consequently of

late only that he could regularly make this demand under the laws of the United States. And in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear [oath similar to the above follows]

Schedule of John Jarrell

No property either Real or Personal of any kind whatever.

John hisXmark Jarrell

That since the 18th day of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property viz.

Description of property	Names of persons to whom disposed of.	Time of Sale	Amount of money or description of property received in return.
106 acres of mountain land of little value & difficult to till or cultivate from its rough state.	Joseph Taylor, he being the purchaser at a sale under a deed of trust	Augt 23rd 1830	Twenty dollars & twelve cents.
One old mare & two colts of small value & very inferior & some hogs.	Sold by L. Booton deputy Shff. of said county, under execution satisfy Ch's. R. Gibbs Pltff. res me the deft.	15th July 1830	Thirty six dolls. & thirty five cents John hisXmark Jarrell

That the whole value of all the said property in March 18th 1818, was of value less than 200\$. that he has appropriated the same, or been compelled to consent to the appropriation by law, and through the officers of the law, to pay bona fide debts, for valuable consideration contracted.

NOTES:

E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra in *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787* says the following about the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Virginia State Line, commanded by Col. George Gibson: "In December 1776 the Virginia General Assembly authorized three battalions of eight companies each, one of which was designated the 1st State Regiment. These units were not supposed to serve outside the state's boundaries, but on October 4, 1777, Virginia troops experienced their worst military disaster...; at the battle for Germantown, Pennsylvania, the entire 9th Virginia Continental Regiment was either captured or killed, and Congress ordered a full Virginia regiment to replace it until new levies could be trained. The 1st and 2d state regiments were sent to join Muhlenburg's [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] brigade late in 1777, and they served in the Continental Line until late 1779." Service after that time would not have been under Continental Establishment and therefore would not have counted under the pension acts of 1818 and 1820.

On 23 Dec 1840 Ann Jarrell or Garrell, aged 83 years and about seven months, applied for a pension stating that she married John Jarrell or Garrell on 12 Nov 1783, and he died on 6 May 1836. The file includes a copy of a bond signed in Culpeper County VA on 28 Oct 1783 by John Garrell and John Spoldin for the marriage of Garrell to "Ann Spoldin, spinster, daughter of Thomas Spoldin of Culpeper County."